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SUBJECT: PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS: AMBASSADOR'S
REMARKS

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FOLLOWING IS DRAFT TEXT OF AMBASSADOR'S PROPOSED
REMARKS AT PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS CEREMONY:

1. --- PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU, DISTINGUISHED GUESTS:
 2. --- AS I ASSUME THE RESPONSIBILITY OF REPRESENT-
ING THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES IN THE
SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF ROMANIA, I WANT TO EXPRESS
THE GREAT SATISFACTION WITH WHICH BOTH THE
GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES
WELCOME THE SIGNIFICANT EXPANSION AND DIVERSIFICATION
OF RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES THAT HAS
COME TO PASS IN RECENT YEARS. YOU MAY BE SURE, MR.
PRESIDENT, THAT I WILL DO EVERYTHING IN MY POWER AS
UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR TO ASSURE THAT THESE
RELATIONS CONTINUE ON THE FRUITFUL AND MUTUALLY
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ADVANTAGEOUS COURSE THAT HAS ALREADY BEEN CHARTED.

3. --- THE HISTORIC VISITS WHICH HAVE TAKEN PLACE BETWEEN YOURSELF, MR. PRESIDENT, AND PRESIDENT NIXON HAVE BEEN OF DECISIVE IMPORTANCE IN BROADENING THE BASE OF THE WARM AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS THAT NOW EXIST. THESE VISITS --- PRESIDENT NIXON'S TO ROMANIA IN 1969, AND YOURS TO THE UNITED STATES IN 1970 AND AGAIN IN 1973 --- HAVE DEMONSTRATED THE USEFULNESS OF BUSINESSLIKE CONTACTS AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL IN DEVELOPING A GREATER DEGREE OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND APPRECIATION OF EACH OTHER'S VIEWPOINTS.

4. --- SPEAKING FOR THE UNITED STATES, I CAN SAY WE VALUE HIGHLY OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH ROMANIA, WHICH IS BASED ON FRANK AND FRIENDLY EXCHANGES OF OPINION ON A WIDE RANGE OF TOPICS AND WHICH HAS BEEN CHARACTERIZED BY HEARTENING PROGRESS IN MANY AREAS.

5. --- IN THE POLITICAL FIELD, FOR EXAMPLE, DESPITE CERTAIN DIFFERENCES OF PHILOSOPHY AND VIEWPOINT, OUR COUNTRIES HAVE AGREED ON THE PRINCIPLES ON WHICH WE BOTH BELIEVE ROMANIAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS STAND. IN THE JOINT STATEMENT OF DECEMBER 5, 1973, SIGNED BY YOU AND PRESIDENT NIXON, THE RIGHT OF EXISTENCE, INDEPENDENCE, AND SOVEREIGNTY FOR EACH STATE, THE JURIDICAL EQUALITY OF STATES, THE RIGHT OF STATES FREELY TO CHOOSE THEIR OWN POLITICAL, SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL SYSTEMS³ :3-4)6 -**84.3\$. THE UNITED STATES, LET ME ASSURE YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, TAKES THESE PRINCIPLES MOST SERIOUSLY.

6. --- THE UNITED STATES WISHES TO IMPROVE ITS RELATIONS WITH ALL STATES, REGARDLESS OF SIZE, AND THE ROLE OF ROMANIA, AND YOURS PERSONALLY, MR. PRESIDENT, IN DEMONSTRATING THE CONTRIBUTION WHICH MEDIUM-SIZED AND SMALL STATES CAN MAKE TO THE STRUCTURE OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE IS WIDELY APPRECIATED IN OUR COUNTRY. FURTHERMORE, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS EMPHASIZED THAT IT DOES NOT INTEND THAT PROGRESS IN RELATIONS WITH ONE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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STATE WILL BE AT THE EXPENSE OF ANY OTHER IN BUILDING THIS STRUCTURE.

7. --- IN THE ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL FIELD, MR. PRESIDENT, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT NOTES WITH SATISFACTION THE SUBSTANTIAL UPWARD TREND IN OUR TRADE RELATIONS AS WELL AS THE SIGNING OF THE FIRST JOINT VENTURE AGREEMENT. THE JOINT STATEMENT

ON ECONOMIC, INDUSTRIAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION ADOPTED LAST DECEMBER MARKED THE BEGINNING OF WHAT WE HOPE WILL BE A NEW AND STILL HIGHER STAGE. THE FIRST MEETINGS, SOON TO BE HELD, OF THE ROMANIAN-AMERICAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION AND THE JOINT US-ROMANIAN ECONOMIC COUNCIL (CHAMBER OF COMMERCE) ARE FURTHER EVIDENCE OF THIS GROWING COOPERATION.

8. --- AT THE SAME TIME, WE FRANKLY RECOGNIZE THAT MAXIMUM CONDITIONS FOR BILATERAL TRADE HAVE NOT YET BEEN ACHIEVED. THE ADMINISTRATION HAS REPEATEDLY STATED ITS DETERMINATION TO OBTAIN CONDITIONS OF TRADE FOR ROMANIA AS FAVORABLE AS THOSE ENJOYED BY MOST OTHER NATIONS. AS FOR MYSELF, MR. PRESIDENT, MAY I ASSURE YOU THAT ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL RELATIONS WILL BE A FIELD TO WHICH I WILL PERSONALLY DEVOTE HIGH PRIORITY DURING MY MISSION IN ROMANIA.

9. --- MR. PRESIDENT, BOTH OUR GOVERNMENTS HAVE REASON FOR SATISFACTION AT THE GROWTH OF CULTURAL RELATIONS. LIBRARIES RECIPROCALLY ESTABLISHED IN BUCHAREST AND NEW YORK, THE EXCHANGE OF EXHIBITS AND PERFORMING ARTS GROUPS, AND THE TWO-WAY FLOW OF SCHOLARS, EDUCATORS, SCIENTISTS, ARTISTS AND OTHER SPECIALISTS, BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT, HAVE BENEFITTED US ALL.

10. --- AS A RESULT OF THE 1972 BILATERAL CONSULAR CONVENTION, OUR CONSULAR RELATIONS HAVE BEEN PLACED ON A FORMAL BASIS AND THE WAY HAS BEEN OPENED FOR ROMANIA TO CONSIDERABLY EXPAND ITS CONSULAR REPRESENTATION IN THE UNITED STATES. MR. PRESIDENT, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE SINCERELY HOPE THAT GOOD RELATIONS IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THIS FIELD WILL HELP CONTRIBUTE TO THE SOLUTION OF HUMANITARIAN PROBLEMS ON THE BASIS OF MUTUAL CONFIDENCE AND GOOD WILL.

11. --- LOOKING TO THE FUTURE, MR. PRESIDENT, I BELIEVE THAT MANY POSSIBILITIES EXIST FOR THE FURTHER EXPANSION OF THE FRUITFUL DIALOGUE BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS AND ALSO BY FURTHER MEETINGS AT ALL LEVELS, WITH RESULTS WHICH WILL BE BENEFICIAL TO THE PEOPLES OF BOTH COUNTRIES.

12. --- IN CONCLUSION, MR. PRESIDENT, I BRING TO THE ROMANIAN PEOPLE THE WARMEST AND MOST SINCERE BEST WISHES FROM THE AMERICAN PEOPLE FOR PROSPERITY AND A BETTER LIFE IN THE YEARS AHEAD. I KNOW THAT YOU, MR.

PRESIDENT, HAVE EXPERIENCED MANY EXAMPLES OF THE GOOD FEELINGS WHICH AMERICANS HAVE TOWARD ROMANIA DURING YOUR VISITS TO THE UNITED STATES, AND I CAN ONLY ADD THAT AMERICANS WISH ROMANIANS EVER GREATER SUCCESSES IN IMPROVING THEIR NATIONAL WELL-BEING.

13. --- LET ME ASSURE YOU THAT MY COLLEAGUES OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY AND I WILL SPARE NO EFFORT IN PROMOTING THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF FRIENDLY RELATIONS

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BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF ROMANIA, BASED ON EQUALITY, MUTUAL ESTEEM, AND DUE CONSIDERATION FOR OUR RESPECTIVE INTERESTS, IN THE CAUSE OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND COOPERATION.

14. --- IF I MAY ADD A FEW WORDS, MR. PRESIDENT, AS YOU KNOW I DO NOT COME TO ROMANIA AS A STRANGER, FOR IT WAS MY PLEASURE TO SERVE HERE SOME YEARS AGO AND MY ARRIVAL NOW SEEMS TO ME MORE LIKE A HOMECOMING. BECAUSE OF THIS, THE PROGRESS IN OUR RELATIONS THAT HAS TAKEN PLACE AND THE HOPES FOR THE FUTURE HAVE MUCH PERSONAL MEANING FOR ME.
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